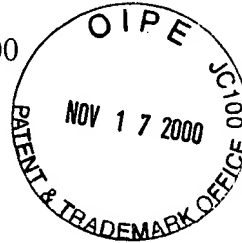


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Re: Application of Salah M. OWEIS, Peter ALUNANS, Guy CHAGNON and
Antonio ROMERO
CURRENT COLLECTION THROUGH THE ENDS OF A
SPIRALLY WOUND ELECTROCHEMICAL CELL
Our Ref: A7398

Dear Sir:

This is a request for filing a Continuation Application under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(d) (continued prosecution application (CPA)) of pending prior Application No. 09/251,149 filed on February 17, 1999 of Salah M. OWEIS, Peter ALUNANS, Guy CHAGNON and Antonio ROMERO entitled CURRENT COLLECTION THROUGH THE ENDS OF A SPIRALLY WOUND ELECTROCHEMICAL CELL.

This application is being filed under 37 CFR § 1.53(d). The prior application, in which no payment of the issue fee, abandonment, or termination of proceedings has occurred, is hereby expressly abandoned as of the filing date of this new application. It is understood that secrecy under 35 USC § 122 is hereby waived to the extent that if information or access is available to any one of the applications in the file jacket, be it either this application or a prior application in the same file jacket, the Patent and Trademark Office may provide similar information or access to all the other applications in the same file jacket.

The prior application is assigned to Group Art Unit 1745

The power of attorney appears in the original papers of the prior application.

The Government filing fee is calculated as follows:

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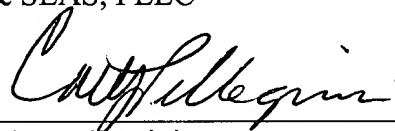
You are directed and authorized to charge or credit any difference or overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0508. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 and 1.17 and any petitions for extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 which may be required during the entire pendency of the application to Deposit Account No. 50-0508. A duplicate copy of this transmittal letter is attached.

A Request for an Examiner Interview is being filed concurrently herewith.

A Petition and payment for an extension of time is being filed concurrently herewith in Application No. 09/251,149. The application is timely filed.

Respectfully submitted,

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REQUEST FOR EXAMINER INTERVIEW

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Sir:

Prior to examination of this Continuing Prosecution Application, Applicant request a personal interview with the Examiner to discuss the pending prior art rejections. Please contact the undersigned at (202) 663-7485 to schedule the interview at your earliest convenience.

Respectfully submitted,

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